

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2311, Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act.

House Committee ordered reported the Campaign Reform and Citizen Participation Act of 2001.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7011–S7126

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1118–1137. **Pages S7083–84**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Firefighters: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 117, honoring John J. Downing, Brian Fahey, and Harry Ford, who lost their lives in the course of duty as firefighters, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S7076–78**

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 176, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. **Page S7076**

Patients' Bill of Rights: Senate continued consideration of S. 1052, to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7011–76**

Adopted:

By 64 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 203), Breaux Amendment No. 830, to modify provisions relating to the standard with respect to the continued applicability of State law. **Pages S7011, S7016**

Hutchison/Clinton Amendment No. 839, to include information relating to disenrollment in the information provided to patients. **Page S7043**

Gramm/McCain Amendment No. 843, to ensure the sanctity of the health plan contract. **Pages S7045–46**

By 96 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 205), Snowe Modified Amendment No. 834, to make technical

corrections concerning the application of Federal causes of action to certain plans. **Pages S7027–40, S7053–54**

Rejected:

Collins Amendment No. 826, to modify provisions relating to preemption and State flexibility. (By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 202), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7011–16**

Bond Amendment No. 831, to ensure that patients receive a minimum share of any settlement or award in a cause of action under this Act. (By 62 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 204), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7016–26**

Division I of Enzi Amendment No. 840, to provide immunity to certain self-insured group health plans that provide health insurance options. (By 55 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 206), Senate tabled Division I of the amendment.) **Pages S7040–43, S7043–45, S7054**

By 42 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 207), Specter Amendment No. 844, to require that causes of action under this Act be maintained in federal court. **Pages S7046–53, S7054–55**

Withdrawn:

Division II of Enzi Amendment No. 840, to provide immunity to certain self-insured group health plans that provide health insurance options. **Page S7054**

Pending:

Thompson Amendment No. 819, to require the exhaustion of administrative remedies before a claimant goes to court. **Page S7011**

Warner Modified Amendment No. 833, to limit the amount of attorneys' fees in a cause of action brought under this Act. **Pages S7026–27, S7055–56**

DeWine Amendment No. 842, to limit class actions to a single plan. **Pages S7056–57**

Grassley Amendment No. 845, to strike provisions relating to customs user fees, and Medicare payment delay. **Pages S7058–62**

Santorum Amendment No. 814, to protect infants who are born alive. **Pages S7062–64**

Nickles Amendment No. 846, to apply the bill to plans maintained pursuant to collective bargaining agreements beginning on the general effective date. **Pages S7064–66**

Brownback Amendment No. 847, to prohibit human germline gene modification. **Pages S7066–72**

Ensign Amendment No. 849, to provide for genetic nondiscrimination. **Pages S7072–73**

Ensign Amendment No. 848, to provide that health care professionals who provide pro bono medical services to medically underserved or indigent individuals are immune from liability. **Pages S7073–74**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and pending amendments (listed above) on Friday, June 29, 2001, with votes to occur on certain pending amendments beginning at 9 a.m. **Page S7074**

Supplemental Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of S. 1077, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, at 1 p.m., on Monday, July 9, 2001, and that all first degree amendments be offered by 6 p.m., with the exception of the managers' amendment, and that any first degree amendment be subject to relevant second degree amendments. Further, that upon disposition of the aforementioned amendments, the bill be advanced to third reading and the Senate then proceed to the consideration of H.R. 2216, House companion measure, that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 1077, as amended, be inserted in lieu thereof, that the bill be advanced to third reading, and the Senate then vote on passage of the bill; following which, S. 1077 be returned to the calendar. **Page S7126**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–32) **Page S7081**

Transmitting, the Comprehensive National Energy Policy report dated June 2001; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (PM–33) **Page S7081**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Emergency Regarding the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–34) **Page S7082**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Linda Mysliwy Conlin, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Dan R. Brouillette, of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs).

Donald R. Schregardus, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Stuart A. Bernstein, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Denmark.

Charles A. Heimbold, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Sweden.

Carole Brookins, of Indiana, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

H. T. Johnson, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. **Page S7126**

Petitions and Memorials: **Page S7082**

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S7084–85**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S7114–25**

Additional Statements: **Pages S7080–81**

Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S7082**

Authority for Committees: **Pages S7125–26**

Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—207) **Pages S7016, S7025–26, S7045, S7055**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 10:30 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Friday, June 29, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7126.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee held hearings to examine the context, framework, and content of the comprehensive federal Farm Bill reauthorization and new agriculture policy that can provide a more sustainable and predictable long-term economic safety net, receiving testimony from